

AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE HONORABLE WADE HAMPTON
In Which a Free Ballot is Denied and
Faith Has Been Violated in
South Carolina.

CHAS. S. C., June 19, 1882.

GEO. WADE HAMPTON, U. S. Senator, Washington.
DEAR SIR: The occasion upon which I address you must form my sufficient excuse for intruding on your valuable time. The magnitude of the subject will be best appreciated by a brief review of the events that made it possible. In August, 1876, you were nominated for the office of Governor of South Carolina. While your nomination was made ostensibly by a Democratic convention, the platform on which you were placed was distinctively Republican. You were announced as the standard-bearer of governmental reform, and the end of your administration, without regard to race or color, was invoked in support of our candidacy. The first authoritative

CALL TO THE WHITE PEOPLE

of South Carolina to organize against the bands

of good government came from Governor D. H. Chamberlain in 1855, who, referring to the opposition of corrupt Republican leaders to his cause, announced to the public that "the magnificence of the cause will be best appreciated by a brief

review of the events that made it possible."

The flagship Tennessee and the Yacht arrived in New York Harbor Thursday,

Midshipman John H. Wadleigh is ordered to examine for promotion manager.

Lieutenant David Price, First Artillery, arrived at San Francisco June 8 from the East.

Forty recruits are ordered to be sent to Fort Snelling for assignment to the Fifth Infantry.

Lieutenant Thomas S. Phelps, Jr., is ordered to duty at the Mare Island Navy-yard, where his father, General S. P. Phelps, is serving as a

member of Congress.

In a recent letter published in the Charleston News and Courier, the writer of which

is himself a member of Congress, states that

"the mass of unfeeling colored citizens at

Hamburg had exhibited to him a

"sense of organized and systematic

hatred of all colored men."

It is evident that the Cavalier is in dan-

ger, and we regret that he and I have

jointly resolved to move outside of the regular

Republican organization if necessary. It is now

back from what I deemed the line of duty, re-

calling before the red danger signal which

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THIS ASSOCIATES HIS ENTHUSED BELIEF

that "until the Democratic party shall get con-

trol of the Presidency and its hundred

offices, and above all, until the Democratic party

can effectually control the Cavalier," the

platform on which we had both entered togeth-

er. The first article of the platform on which you

stood, and which I cheerfully state, as a just-truth,

to your exalted character, you have never vio-

lated by deed or word, was as follows: "We ac-

cept in perfect good faith the thirteenth, four-

teenth, and fifteenth amendments to the Federal

Constitution, accepting and standing by the

same, and by the same, as far as law permits, if

your appeal is disregarded, rest assured, sir, that

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